

## Postal Regulatory Commission

Washington, D.C. 20268-0001

### NOTICE OF FILING UNDER 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)

TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE:

Please take notice that the Commission received eleven petitions for review of the Postal Service's determination to close the Daisy post office in Daisy, Georgia. The first petition for review received December 27, 2011, was filed by Inman Brown, Jr., Mayor. The second petition for review received December 27, 2011, was filed by Larry Morgan. The third petition for review received December 27, 2011, was filed by Bill and Priscilla Hearn. The fourth petition for review received December 27, 2011, was filed by Cletus B. Strickland. The fifth petition for review received December 27, 2011, was filed by Carolyn S. Brown. The sixth petition for review received December 27, 2011, was filed by Carroll Skinner. The seventh petition for review received December 27, 2011, was filed by Sarah Rountree. The eighth petition for review received December 27, 2011, was filed by Patricia Ann Strickland. The ninth petition for review received December 27, 2011, was filed by Manuel A. and Blanca Rosa Balcarcel. The tenth petition for review received December 27, 2011, was filed by Carson Sands, Jr. The eleventh petition for review received December 27, 2011, was filed by Joann Griffis. The earliest postmark date is December 12, 2011.

This notice is advisory only and is being furnished so that the Postal Service may begin assembling the administrative record in advance of any formal appeal proceedings held upon the alleged (closing/consolidation) for transmittal pursuant to 39 CFR § 3001.113(a) (requiring the filing of the record within 15 days of the filing with the Commission of a petition for review).



Shoshana M. Grove  
Secretary

Date: January 3, 2012

Attachment

A2012-104

MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
**CITY OF DAISY**  
P.O. BOX 196  
DAISY, GEORGIA 30423

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**December 12, 2011**

**Public Affairs and Government Relations  
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901 New York Avenue NW, Suite 200  
Washington, D.C. 20268-0001**

**To Whom It May Concern:**

**Notification was posted in the U.S. Post Office in the City of Daisy December 8, 2011 of the final determination to close, with no closing date. As mayor of the City of Daisy, I am appealing this notice of closing.**

**I personally and many citizens of the City of Daisy have written the U.S. Postal Service with their concerns about the possible closing of the Daisy Post Office and expressed the hardship it would impose on everyone. The first meeting concerning the closing was in April 2011 and we have not received any correspondence except the final determination to close.**

**The questionnaires which were mailed to postal customers on April 14, 2011 were very misleading, and as a result we had 3 favorable, 6 unfavorable and 51 expressed no opinion. If this is the correct results of the survey, how would you explain 104 people attending the public meeting held by representatives of the U.S. Postal Service on April 26, 2011. There was also a petition mailed to the U.S. Postal Service on May 12, 2011 with 84 names. Also, in the final determination literature, it stated the Daisy customers would receive window service at the Claxton Post Office, Monday thru Friday from 8:00 A.M. To 4:30 P.M. And Saturday from 8:00 A.M. To 12:00 P.M. According to the letter, the Claxton post office has 72 post office boxes available. At the time of the survey, the Daisy post office had approximately 180 post office boxes rented. As a city government and some businesses in our area, we would have to drive 8 miles each trip to the post office, sometimes twice a day.**

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MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
**CITY OF DAISY**  
P.O. BOX 196  
DAISY, GEORGIA 30423

**Reading the final determination summary, you have stated the U.S. Postal Service will save \$47,379.00 annually. Since July of 2009, our post office has operated with an OIC, which has had revenue of \$35,248.00 and \$36,470.00 with one permit mailer. We are happy with this service and operating under these conditions, the U.S. Postal Service should have shown profits of \$10,000.00 to \$12,000.00 a year. The City of Daisy owns the building where the post office is located with no expense, except rent of \$258.33 a month, which we have stated could be negotiable if the post office is not closed. The lease on the building does not expire until March 31, 2016.**

**I have contacted postal officials in Jacksonville, Fl. About the possibility of having a contract post office, a village post office or other options to keep our post office open. As of today, I have received no response.**

**Due to no response from Postal Service Management, according to the Freedom of Information Act, we are entitled to all correspondence and E-Mails, concerning the closing of the U.S. Post Office in the City of Daisy. We are entitled to any information that would help us keep our post office open.**

**I appreciate your consideration in keeping the Daisy Post Office open.**

**Sincerely**

  
**Inman Brown, Jr.**  
**Mayor**

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Dear Post Office Closing Committee,

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The post office in Daisy, Georgia is very important to my business. The postal service around the country is also important to my business. I would like to be able to keep both. My business has been located in Daisy since 1972. All of my customers, my service providers, the steel companies and all correspondences recognize my location in Daisy. The location in Daisy is important to my success. I am not located in Claxton. I believe it will become confusing and difficult for people, especially customers, to find my shop. Please give strong consideration to keeping the post office in Daisy, Georgia open. Thank you for hearing my concerns.

Sincerely,

Larry Morgan-owner  
Morgan's Machine Shop

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Daisy, Ga.

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To whom it May Concern:

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This is a letter of appeal for closing  
Daisy Post Office, Daisy, Ga. 30423.

We are elderly people and it would  
be dangerous for us to walk across  
highway 280 to a mail box. It would  
also be dangerous for a mail carrier  
to stop on top of the hill to deliver our  
mail.

Our town has no stores and it  
is good for our community to have  
our wonderful little post office. We  
would lose our identity if we lost  
our post office.

If postal service is in dire need  
of money maybe we could have a  
village post office like Bellville, Ga 30414,  
was recently notified.

We hope that you will consider our appeal  
since our post office has made money  
instead of losing money during the past  
two years.

Sincerely, Bill Kearn  
Priscilla S. Kearn



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To Whom It May Concern  
I am writing you this 2011 DECEMBER 18/et  
you know that I am appealing the closing  
of The Daisy Post Office for these specific  
Reasons:

- 1- I Came To Daisy Back in The Year  
of 1934. My Husband AT That Time  
was Post Master. We Had 2 Routes  
(mail) To Go Out From Daisy. Still A Strong  
Post Office. We would Very much Like  
To Continue Having The Post Office Here.
- 2- It Would Be Bad To Start Changing  
Addresses And Having mail mixed up.  
Also Putting up mail Boxes would be  
Bad and a lot of Trouble.
- 3- The Post Office Is Like One of The Family.  
Hard To Think About Giving up.
- 4- The Post Office is Very Important For  
The Identity of The City of Daisy.
- 5- The Post Office Is A Great Meeting  
Place For Our Elderly.

Please Reconsider All These Things For Our  
People In The City of Daisy and Our Community.

Thanks

Clitus B Strickland  
P O Box 178  
Daisy Ga 30423

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**December 13, 2011**

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Postal Regulatory Commission  
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Washington, D.C. 20268-0001**

**To Whom It May Concern**

**As city clerk and a personal box holder in the Daisy post office in the City of Daisy,  
I am appealing the closing of the Daisy post office.**

**Having the position of city clerk for the past 27 years, I depend upon the security of  
the Daisy post office, since we mail bills and receive payments monthly. It will be a  
hardship to conduct business using a rural route or driving 8 miles to the nearest  
post office.**

**I have had numerous customers complaining about the fact of having to change  
addresses on drivers license, credit cards and all other bills and correspondence.**

**Please reconsider and leave the Daisy post office open, or give us other options such  
as a contract or village post office. I think this would be negotiable with city officials.**

**Sincerely,**



**Carolyn S. Brown  
City Clerk  
City of Daisy**

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Appeal

Post office of Daisy  
Daisy, Georgia 30423

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There are many reasons that the  
Daisy post office should not be  
closed.

- 1- It would be an inconvenience to myself, and many other Senior Citizens in Daisy and the surrounding area.
- 2- It would be more costly for me to get another another P.O. Box, from another post office, for the cost for traveling to the new post office. I can not use the Clayton post office. I tried that when I first moved to Daisy in 1999 before I knew there was a post office in Daisy. So instead of 7 miles to Clayton, it would be approx. 12 miles to the Hagan post office.
- 3- I am a Senior Citizen living on Social Security, and all cost keep rising faster than the cost of living index.
- 4- The mail box and Route Carrier would not work for security reasons, for I am not at home all the time.
- 5- The Paint and Body shop, The City of Daisy water dept. and two (2) churches depend on the Daisy post office, as many people in Daisy also, also three (3) or four (4) businesses in Clayton that get their stamps from the Daisy post office for the friendly, helpful,



- and courteous service they receive from the postal workers at the Daisy Post Office.
6. It would be a total disaster for the City of Daisy, the City would disappear, as it has been for other rural Cities that the post office has been closed.
  7. I know the Post Office like any other business needs to be profitable, since the announcement that the Daisy Post Office was being considered for closing, business has declined, but evidently it not only the Daisy Post Office, for the reports that I have heard the postal service for the entire U.S.A has not made any money since 1951.
  8. please take in account what effect it would put upon you, if your Post Office Closed. Thank for your time. I hope the postal service will reconsider and keep the Daisy Post Office open.

Sincerely,  
 Carroll L. Sherrin  
 P.O. Box 9  
 Daisy, Georgia 30423  
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Sarah Rountree  
PO Box 127  
Daisy, GA 30423

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to appeal the closing of the Daisy Post Office, in Daisy, Georgia. I have lived in Daisy for 35 years and have used the post office almost every day of those 35 years. I believe this going to be a great inconvenience to all citizens of Daisy. It is going to be quite a nuisance to have to change our addresses on everything. It is my understanding that we will use a rural route in Daisy, while using Claxton's zip code. This is going to cause tremendous problems for us because we live on Railroad Street. Well, there is already a Railroad Street in Claxton, so we are going to have a problem. Our mail is going to get mixed up. I already have to have all of my packages shipped to my post office box, because when I try to use my physical address, none of the major carriers (UPS, FED EX, etc), recognize it. I always get the same answer, "not a valid address". Well, if my physical address is not valid, I am going to be in a fix when I no longer have a post office box.

I am speaking merely for myself, but can say that it is going to cause problems for the entire community. Try changing your address on every piece of mail you get! Not to mention we have several people who own businesses. They are going to have to redo all of their business information.

I know Daisy is small. However, we should not be penalized for this. Everyone in this town uses the post office. Our post master does an excellent job maintaining our post office. Just because it is small doesn't mean it deserves to be closed. You would never consider closing a larger post office. Just because we live in a small town doesn't mean we deserve to be taken advantage of. There are other cuts that can be made in the postal system without closing of small post offices. Think of how many people you are effecting. We realize it is easier to close a post office rather you all, the postal workers, take a cut. I am in education and believe me, I have taken quite a few cuts. But, our school system decided we were going to be take these cuts from top to bottom. Everyone took a cut, so no one would lose their job. Maybe you could take a lesson from educators.

Just remember doing what is right isn't always easy. Usually the "right thing" is the hardest. If keeping our post office is hard I'm sorry, but it is right. You are inconveniencing a lot of people simply because it is the easiest thing on your end. I would have a hard time laying my head down at night knowing I had done this to so many people.

I hope you will reconsider and allow our town to keep our post office. It is part of our history and our town. I know there is something else that can be done besides closing the post office. Get creative and think of that something else.

Sincerely,

Sarah Rountree

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing you this letter to let you know that I am appealing the closing of the Daisy Post Office for these specific reasons.

- 1- Having a Post Office Box I feel that my mail is safe being in a locked box.
- 2- Also when away from home I do not worry about it being tampered with.
- 3- It is very convenient for me because I live 3 hours from the Post Office and can walk up there and get any postal service that I may need.
- 4- The Post Office is very important for the identity of the City of Daisy.
- 5- We have a lot of elderly people living in Daisy and it is convenient for most of them to walk to the Post Office to get mail services that otherwise they could not drive.

Please reconsider all these things and save our Daisy Post Office for all our community and the City of Daisy

Thanks  
Patricia Ann Strickland  
P.O. Box 178  
Daisy, GA 30423

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Manuel's Body Shop & Collision Center  
529 Main Street  
Daisy, Georgia 30423

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am the owner of Manuel's Body Shop & Collision Center, and I am writing to you to appeal the closing of the Daisy Post Office.

I feel that the Daisy Post Office is the main asset to our community, and when its closed this will disrupt normal business activities and daily routines. There is nothing favorable about the closing of the Daisy Post Office. It would be very devastating to us as a business owner and to the community. Also, the location of the Daisy Post Office is adequate to all the residents of Daisy, they provide excellent service. Due to the business we have, we sometimes can't get to the post office, but we know that our sensitive mail is safe there. We don't have any worries of when we can go get our mail.

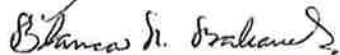
The Daisy Post Office has been a part of our community for 121 years. As a business owner I can understand the effect of profit and loss, but Rural American Post Offices such as Daisy Post Office make up 1% of the USPS budget, I have been told, this seems to be a small amount of savings. The community has been largely dependant on its location not only to us but to the elderly and the disable. They do not have to depend on traveling to another town or having trouble finding someone to take them there, or to bring them their mail.

We propose that the Daisy Post office can be a part time function and only open certain hours a week and a few days, that would really help our community. We could also propose that the community can do donations to support our post office for the maintenance that it requires on a daily basis. We also recommend that the post office be open as a contract.

Sincerely,



Manuel A. Balcarcel



Blanca Rosa Balcarcel

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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is written as an appeal to the closing of the Daisy Post Office located in Daisy, Georgia. The following are comments I wish to make concerning the proposed discontinuance of our postal service. I cannot describe any favorable effects the closing of the post office could have on our community or as an individual with a growing business. My business is solely dependent on the post office. I am a logger with a business located in Daisy. My preferred delivery for ordered and any returned items is through the post office because I know that the merchandise will be handled with care and kept secure. I have logging tickets that must be mailed to a variety of destinations throughout the week along with checks that are for large amounts of money. These items require being weighed and sent out first class. The post office is the most secure way to send these. My personal paychecks for the tickets come from several mills throughout the week and there again this is a sizeable amount of money that I only trust to be mailed to my post office box. I also use the post office when making my equipment payments, insurance payments, fuel payments and any weekly payments for parts. On many occasions, I must send out letters that are certified and there again it is very convenient for me to have the post office close by and this saves me time and money. I can rest in knowing that the mailed items will be delivered to their destinations.

The effect that the closing will have on our overall community will also be unfavorable and devastating for many of our friends and neighbors. Our community has just begun to grow again and we are very proud to have several thriving businesses in our community. From a historical point of view we are very proud of our town and the part that our 121 year old post office has played in the history of our state and our county. We do not want to lose our identity and our heritage. We also have some older citizens that this will cause a hardship for because they do not want their mail to be delivered to their homes due to safety and security reasons and they have no formal means of transportation.

In speaking with many of the citizens in Daisy, it is our desire that the post office be considered as a contract post office or as a village post office. As far as trying to understand the survey results and how so many people were counted as no opinion is baffling to me. I think that many of the people who attempted to fill out the surveys were confused in trying to fill out the papers and we informed the postal employees conducting the town meeting that there was a page missing from the surveys. *WE* had a large number of supporters to show up for our town meeting including the local newspaper, the newspaper from Statesboro, and two TV stations from Savannah. The area papers continue to update the news concerning the closing and to support our fight to keep our identity. Our solidarity is also being displayed by the hanging of blue ribbons throughout our community. Many of the citizens, including myself, felt the town meeting was only a formality and the closing was a done deal before the meeting. As we continue our efforts, and in speaking with Mayor Brown the postal officials have not kept him informed and updated on the latest developments as they had promised. He, along with the city council, have offered several options that could be consider and cost effective for keeping our post office. At this point, I along with the citizens of Daisy and our local community will continue to pray and fight to keep our post office open.

Sincerely,

*Calan Sands Jr.*

Carson Sands, Jr.

P. O. Box 26

Daisy, Georgia 30423

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My self and my roommate have a box 2011 DEC 27 P 3:46  
Daisy Post office as do many others  
that are living on a fixed income.

Adding more expences to our small  
checks would be a shame.

And making us rent from Claxton,  
Pem broke, or Statesboro. would  
do that.

In box fees and in gas.  
We can put up a box but we do  
not trust some of the people  
now days. stealing our checks or  
identity.

I my self have been getting my  
mail there for the past 32 years.  
Back when it was a General Delivery  
and we had to ask the store owner  
to get our mail, and I am not  
the only one.

We beg you not to close the  
post office.

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Thank you.  
Joe Sniffin

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